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Subject: NorthMet Adequacy Determination

Good morning! DNR will be announcing its adequacy determination on the NorthMet EIS this afternoon. Attached is a media advisory with details regarding the timing of the announcement. I will send you the press release, which will outline the decision, shortly before it goes out to the media.

"Thank you" is woefully inadequate to describe my deep appreciation for the tremendous partnership EPA has shown as the state, USACE, and USFS developed the joint EIS. Your professionalism and insights have been outstanding!

Best regards,

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